

Claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12, and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Knee et al. (5,589,892).

In explaining the above 102 rejection with regard to independent claim 1, the Examiner stated that Knee and, in particular, lines 52-61 of column 36, lines 46-55 of column 46, and lines 30-44 of column 48 thereof, disclose the “recorded program information storage means” of claim 1. It is respectfully submitted that such portions of Knee do not appear to specifically disclose “recorded program information storage means for storing recorded program information which includes ... (ii) recording medium identification information which identifies a recording medium having a respective broadcast program recorded thereon and (iii) recording start position information of a number of broadcast programs stored in a number of recording mediums”, as in amended independent claim 1. (Underlining and bold added for emphasis.)

For reasons similar to those described above with regard to claim 1, amended independent claim 4 is also believed to be distinguishable from Knee as applied by the Examiner.

Claims 2, 5-10, 12, and 16 are dependent from one of independent claims 1 and 4 and, due to such dependency, are also distinguishable from Knee as applied by the Examiner for at least the reasons previously described.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned “Version with markings to show changes made.”

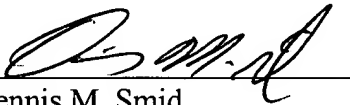
It is to be appreciated that the foregoing comments concerning the disclosures in the cited prior art represent the present opinions of the applicants’ undersigned attorney and, in

the event, that the Examiner disagrees with any such opinions, it is requested that the Examiner indicate where, in the reference, there is the basis for a contrary view.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable over the prior art, and early and favorable consideration thereof is solicited.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 4 by rewriting the same as follows:

--1. (Four Times Amended) An apparatus for controlling display of an electrical program guide, comprising:

broadcast program information storage means for storing, as broadcast information, the information relative to a number of broadcast programs extracted from predetermined positions of video signals;

recorded program information storage means for storing recorded program information which includes (i) program name information and (ii) recording medium identification information which identifies a recording medium having a respective broadcast program recorded thereon and (iii) recording start [time] position information of a number of broadcast programs [previously] stored in a number of recording mediums; and

display control means capable of displaying [simultaneously], as an electrical program guide to provide the program-related information, the program information relative to [both of] the broadcast programs and the recorded programs on the basis of the broadcast program information stored in said broadcast program information storage means and also the recorded program information stored in said recorded program information storage means whereby both broadcast program information and recorded program information are processable by a single electrical program guide function so as to enable a user to select for more than one program the broadcast information and recorded program information associated therewith by activating the desired single electrical program guide function [only once].--

--4. (Four Times Amended) A method of controlling display of an electrical program guide comprising the steps of:

storing, as broadcast program information, the information relative to a number of broadcast programs extracted from predetermined positions of video signals;

storing recorded program information which includes (i) program name information and (ii) recording medium identification information which identifies a recording medium having a respective broadcast program recorded thereon and (iii) recording start position [time] information of a number of broadcast programs [previously] stored in a number of recording mediums; and

displaying [simultaneously], as an electrical program guide to provide the program-related information, the program information relative to [both of] the broadcast programs and the recorded programs on the basis of the stored broadcast program information and also the stored recorded program information whereby both broadcast program information and recorded program information are processable by a single electrical program guide function so as to enable a user to select for more than one program the broadcast information and recorded program information associated therewith by activating the desired single electrical program guide function [only once].--